beginners, to see the careful manner in which they first touched the slippery ice, to notice the painful swarping of their bodies as they endeavored to maintain their requilibrium, the unaccountable manner in which their leet behaved, and the grotesque attitudes which their leet behaved, and the grotesque attitudes which they presented when the fall did come and they found themselves embracing the ice at last, some of the collisions, too, were perp mirth-provoking. In one instance, two young men were assisting two young ladies, whom they were facing. As they were going backward they falled to see a clumer beginner who somehow contrived to fall just y were going blockwist and the set of the period of the pe

whole presenting a most set in in the industry, ghout the day a living stream set in in the n of the Park, and many hundreds must joyed themselves at the various ponds. At mg pond some of Scotia's sons were indulgated favorite national game. They looked a gentleman particularly, who seemed to ame arm, presenting a face which for glow diness was a subject worthy the brush of

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As predicted in the Herald of yesterday, there was excellent ice at this fashionable resort for states. Here, beneath the shelter of walls and roof, a darge number of persons collected to exercise themselves upon their steel shod feet, and over the large expanse of ice which was open to the visitors yesterday some very excellent displays of katting were made. Music played, bright eyes sparkled, murry lips chatted, handsome men filted, pretty girls kaushed, and the fun generally was fast and farmous. A large number of the gentler six graced the ley surface and showed their skill upon skates by performing some feats of skill which made many of the males present quite envy the pretty little feet which could be guided to perform such clover evolutions. The arrangements at the rink were very comfortable, the buildings were well warmed, and quite a large number of spectators were present to watch the gidding throng as they skimmen about upon the fee. The company here was of quite a different character to that observable at the Park. Whatever other differences there might have been, all were alike in being well dressed and warmly clad. When the immense edifice was lit up the sight presented was a most enchanting one. The rilstening steels of the states flashed upon the eye and helped to make up a coup d'aut of great beauty.

N. BROOKLYN.

Quite a large number of the linhabitants of this city—especially among the youth of both sexespent christmas Day on skates. From early morning the cars leading to the Union and Capitoline ponds were filled with warmly clad lads and lasses, who, with skates in hand, were bound to brave the severity of the weather at one or other of these skatorial paradises. The Prospect Park cars also did a good business all day in conveying the fundreds of skaters who proceeded to the Ponds to enjoy the facilities provided by the Park Commissionary.

Always good ice here, and always a large attendance of skaters. Yesterday every preparation had been made for the accommodation of a more than usually large crowd, and the proprietor was not disappointed in his expectation. The ice had been careance of skaters. Yesterday every preparation had been made for the accommodation of a more than usually large crowd, and the proprietor was not disappointed in his expectation. The ice had been carefully smoothed, all rough spots removed, the surface swept and carefully cleaned. The waiting rooms and refreshment department had been also thoroughly overhauled. A steady stream of visitors set in early in the morning and throughout the day the ice was well covered with skaters. Some very excellent displays of skating were made by amateurs, both lady and gentieman, and some very amusing exhibitions of ciumsiness were made by beginners, mostly gentiemen. A band of music was in attendance and added considerably to the enjoyment of those present. Some novel attractions are in preparation at this pond, of which the management will give due notice. The Union is easily reached by New Yorkers, Williamsburgers and Brooklynites.

Good ice and good company, good music and good skating. This pond has always been among the best going, and the alterations made this year have improved it somewhat. The cold wind had free course over the pond yesterday, and the skaters had no protection from its blasts; but despite the cold, a large number of ladies and i, gentlemen evidently enjoyed themselves in the pursuit of this popular sport. The gentlemen kept their noses warm by smoking, and the ladies wrapped themselves carefully in their furs, and so the sport went on until the pond was cleared for the night.

The PROSPECT PARE POND.

The ponds at Prospect Park, which are to Brooklynites what Central Park is to New York, were fairly covered by skaters yesterday. The character of the crowd was similar to that of the gathering at the Park—a July, merry-making assemblage, evidently out for a holiday, with minds made up to make the most of it. The ice was insplendid condition, having been carefully planed on Thursday, and it was clear as any yet seen this season. Over this surface the swaying skaters rushed at almost lightning speed, their g

### THE DAY IN BROOKLYN.

The advent of the great anniversary of the Christian era may be truly said to have been observed in a fitting and becoming manner. The adults joined in riving thanks to the beneficent Creator for all his lessings, which are all embodied in the occasion morated in the holy festival originated in Bethlehem, where the infant Saviour, born of the Blessed Virgia, guided the wise men of the East fore than eighteen centuries ago, and where the promise of the first and long ex-pectea coming of the Messiah was fulfilled. The juveniles, too, were filled with the joy of the which prevailed, and joined, without exactly comprehending why, in the prevailing gladness of the God-loving people of their households. Much zest was given to their pleasant emotions, it is needsay, by the liberal bestowal of gifts suitable to their respective ideas of that which is good. In the distribution of such articles of holiday wares as toys and sugar candles it is not at all surprising that grown persons (inquigent parents and others) should have recourse to such an invention as that genial old soul of liberality, Santa Claus, who is not only doomed to bear upon his back on Christmas Eve a burden of many thousand tons weight of miscellaneous articles for little boys and girls, but is also compelled to bear odium of the abuse and vituperation of such youngsters as are not altogether pleased with what he has left for them. pleased with what he has left for them, Youngsters as well as "oldsters" are often very capricious and not always appreciatively grateful; but Kris Krungle has broad shoulders, and these lat-ter form an insurmountable barrier against the assaults of the little malcontents. Judging, how-ever, from the smiling laces seen at windows and on the streets during the day the children have been pretty well, generally speaking, satisfied with the patronage bestowed by the mysterious benefactor of the suvenile race.

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Long before the first gray streak of early dawn was discernable in the easiern horizon the streets of the city and saturbs were lined with men and women hurrying to the churches, in their commendable piety and devotion basting to offer their first praises to God. At half-past five o'clock grand high mass was celebrated in all the Catholic churches—at St. James' (the Cathodrail), St. Faul's, St. Mary's (Star of the sea), St. Peter's, St. Patrick's, St. Joseph's, St. Stehelers, St. Charles Borromeo's, the Assumption, Amenication, Our Lady of Mercy, the immaculate Conception and others. Several of these were most tastefully decorated with evergroens, while all were beautifully lighted up, the altars and chancels being in several instances perfectly dazzling with the radiance of hundreds of wax tapers and gas jois. The "star of Bethiehem" inglited over the altar in some of the churches hadjains effect. When the celebrant, deacon and subdeacon emerged from the vestry, accompanied by numerous acolytes, all elegannity attituded in their holiday vesiments, and assumed their positions at the altar the choir burst forth, blenning with the rich devotional tones of the organ, and swelling rapturously in words of praise the love of the Creator, in the rendition of the Fentle Acovernes, appealed to and found many an echo in the hearts of the faithful in attendance. After the goapel had been read a sermon was preached telling of the infinite mercies of God to His people, how after the fall of Adam through disobulence, which sin emailed such incatculable miseries upon his posterity, He promised through His prophets that He would come to redeem all mankind; that for four thousand years the Just Man had been looked for and ardently prayed for, but when at last, as had been loretoid, the "Star of Bethiehem" guided the wise inen to the stable, where, between

masses were said then after first mass, in continued succession, at which thousands of persons received holy communion, until half-past ten o'clock, when grand high mass was celebrated.

In the Protestant Episcopal churches, which were beautifully ornamented with evergreens interforly, services were held both morning and evening. The musical services at the Church of the Holy Trinity, St. Peter's, State street; St. James, corner of Lafayetts avenue and Hall street; St. John's, corner of Lafayetts avenue and Hall street; St. John's, corner of Johnson and washington streets, and Christ church, Beaford avenue, were of a superior order.

The various Sunday schools presented happy scenes yestenday morning, the ruoy faces of the little ones baving the appearance of ripe penches after encountering the piercing winds in passang rom their homes to the schools, and their

exercises consisted of singing and speaking, after which the presents were distributed among the scholars.

There was a very pleasant entertainment yesterday morning at the Bethel of Plymouth church, in Hicks street, on which occasion the hearts of the scholars were gladdened with handsome Christmas gifts. There were cakes, candies, oranges, &c., in abundance. A large number of books, were also distributed. The exercises opened with a voluntary on the organ by Mr. Brown, after which there was some good singing by the children. Mr. George Bell, the Superintendent, made a fervent prayer and read a portion of the Scriptures, when Mr. Theodore Filton was introduced and made some appropriate remarks. The room was chaborately decorated with overgreens and trees.

The Sands street Methodist Episcopal Church Mission celebrated its twentieth anniversary in the church yesterday morning. This church has one of the largest schools in the city, and the scholars look forward to their Christmas anniversary in the church with the liveliest anticipations, for the occasions are always pleasant. The scholars were served with their Christmas gifts and refreshments, the Christmas pieces were sung, and remarks made by the Superintendent and others, when the scholars separated and returned to their homes with happy hearts.

The York street Methodist Episcopal Sabbath school had their Christmas hymns and received their gifts and re freshments. Some appropriate speeches were made, when the school was dismissed.

The Washington street Methodist Episcopal Sabbath school had a pleasant entertainments in the school room adjoining the church. After the singing and speaking the gifts were distributed to the school room adjoining the church. After the singing and speaking the gifts were distributed to the schoolars, consisting of boxes of candies, oranges and others, when street Methodist Episcopal church, corner to the schoolars, consisting of boxes of candies, oranges and percenters of candies, oranges and percenters of candies, oranges and

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The children connected with the Fleet street Methodist Episcopal Sabbath School had a pleasant entertainment yesterday morning, on which occasion boxes of candies, books, &c., were presented to the children.

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At the South Congregational church, corner of Court and President streets, there was a pleasant entertainment in the evening, consisting of musical and other exercises.

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The Sabbath school of the Genevan Presbyterian church, corner of Gates avenue and flunter street, gave a Christmas entertainment and musical festival last evening, which was a pleasant affair.

The public buildings were, of course closed, as were also the stores throughout the city during the day. The liquor stores, however, were kept open and served as a dangerous source of attraction to many customers who entered, bent upon wishing a "Merry Christmas," and did not leave until decidedly merry. The day was exceedingly cold, and the dust blew in clouds, causing one to rub both eyes and nose constantly while out of doors and while within to enjoy the more fully the substantial comforts of home and the Christmas hearth. Yet the skating ponds, Prospect Park in particular, were patronized, despite the high cold north wind which came in with bolsterous greeting across the river and over the country surrounding, making the cheeks of the skaters ruddy and their eyes to shine brighter than before.

The matinées at Hooiey's Opera House and Mrs. F. B. Conway's Park theatre, given at two o'clock in the atternoon, were well attended, the houses being fliled. In the evening similar good fortune befell these popular places of amusement, and jolly people, big and little, gathered to give both houses "a benefit." The great veteran king of wizards and ventriloquists, Signor Bitts, entertained hundreds of people at his performances at the Athenaum, both afternoon and evening.

Business was envirely suspended in the Eastern District, and the streets had a sabbathlike aspect, with the exception perhaps of a greater number of perambuiating votaries of Bacchus.

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Among the many joyons assemblages on Christmas Eve none happier could be found, and none had more cause for happiness, than that which met in Christ's church, Bedford avenue, Brookiyn, of which Rev. Alfred H. Partridge is rector. The friends of the Sunday school of that congregation had prepared their customary Christmas tree, and at the usual hour for service the church was opened, and the children of the school, altended by their teachers, parents and friends, entered to receive the offerings so bountifully provided for them by kinaly hands. The church is most handsomely decorated, the wreaths and garlands around the chancel, font, pillars and windows exciting special admiration; but all these evidences of taste and beauty were lost upon the juvenile throng, whose eager glances at once fell upon the towering evergreen which stood near the chancel, its boughs bending beneath the load of books, bonbons and other evidences of the liberality and good will of their friends. At the conclusion of the services, which were of a more than usually impressive and interesting character—the children joining in the anthems and hymms—the gifts were distributed, and the bright smiles which beamed on every face showed that each young heart there was for the time supremely happy. This was one of those quiet, unobtrusive affairs which pertain particularly to the City of Churches, whose citizens are ever foremost in good works.

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Christmas Eve was duly celebrated at Public School No. 6 by a most commendable exhibition of the pupils, under the direction of the Principal, Mr. John B. Beale. The proceedings commenced in the primary classes with a calisthenic performance by the little ones and some excellent singing. A very agreeable episode took place here. It was the presentation of a few parting gifts to the Principal of the primary school, Miss Prink, by the children and her associate teachers on the occasion of her resignation. The most interesting part of the exhibition was in the grammar department, comprised of six classes of boys. The exercises consisted of dialogues, recitations, singing and planoforte playing. The most conspicuous upplis in these performances—which, we must say, did ample credit to the school and its principal—were Masters Davis, Mahoney, Grove, Byers, Freckleton, Small, Davenport, T. D. Lyons, Bates and Moore. A duet from the opera of "Martha," performed on the piano, by Masters Willie Lyons and Frank Berry, was rendered in most commendable style and gave great satisfaction. Upon the whole the exhibition gave evidence of the advance which the public schools of Brooklyn are misking in the education of the youth of that city. After the exercises were concluded diplomas were delivered to the most deserving pupils of the six classes by Mr. Frothingham on behalf of the Board of Education, Ailer some appropriate remarks by this gentleman and Messrs. Freeman, McBride and Armstrong the company dispersed.

THE DAY IN NEW JERSEY.

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The Christmas festivities in New Jersey were not characterized by any remarkable demonstrativeness out of doors owing to the somewhat severe weather. The day was unquestionably a delightful one, the atmosphere clear, bright, beautiful and bracing; but the cold was rather keen. Jersey City under any circumstances, however, afords few opportunities for open air diversion, not being noted for either its parks, avenues or boulevards, and no skating ponds such as are afforded by the neighboring metropolis. and consequently young New Jersey was unable to enjoy this fascinating pastime. But what was lack-

and consequently young New Jersey was unable to enjoy this fascinating pastime. But what was lacking in outdoor recreation was amply supplied by the most enjoyable attractions within doors, where cheery firesides, assembled friends and bounteous boards were the rule, and made the Christmas of 1868 as pleasant a recollection as were any of the celbrations of that festival in days that have fied.

The inmates of the almshouse at Snake Hill, Hudson City, were treated to a mamptuous dinner, and in the afternoon the doors were fining open and all visitors were allowed to mingle with the orphana, the decrepit and the afflicted. Books which were cast away at the schools through the different cities were collected and given to the youths, who were most thankful for the attentions thus shown them. Numerous presents of all kinds, were distributed, and it was edifying to observe the wonderful change in the condition of the poor, whose lot is so gloomy in this mansion of poverty.

The day was most religiously observed in Jersey City, and seldom have larger congregations been witnessed at the different churches, in several of these the services were grand and impressive. The midnight mass at St. Peter's church, on Grand street, was attended by a large congregation, and it would be difficult to exaggerate the effect of the sublime ceremonies of the Church on the occasion. The feelings of swe and veneration which overstadow the soul in presence of this brilliant spectacle, in that hour when all around is silectee and gloom, cievate the Church on the occasion. The feelings of swe and veneration which overstadow the soul in presence of this brilliant spectacle, in that hour when all around is silectee and gloom, cievate the Church on the occasion. Alonder solemn mass was celebrated at hail-past ten, when Haydn's No. 3 Mass was performed by Nemendorf's orchestra. A large number of persons of other personsions were present at this muss. On all restivate an excellent choir is engaged for this church, and the lovers of sacred tausi

on Washington street, the German Mission Sundi-school held their annual celebration. Orace cour-was beautifully decorated and festoons of eve-greens were twined along the walls in profusio in St. Mary's church, Hoboken, there was a solen mass, at which the Foster Quartet Club sang.

the cold weather chased all the gayety and merrament that invariably characterizes Christmas out of the streets, and the city out of doors wore an exceedingly gloomy aspect throughout the day. Even the time honored horns and trumpets of Young America failed to announce the presence of juvenility. Peo

time honored horns and trampets of Young America failed to announce the presence of juvenility. People generally, however, seemed to think that this holiday was "more honored? the breach than the observance." If there was little joyousness apparent in the streets there was an increased exuberance of spirits within doors and around the family fireside and well iden board thronged thousands of happy, happy faces, each one glowing with cheerfulness and delight, such as might properly be considered appropriate to the anniversary of the day which witnessed the birth of the Saviour of the world. The churches were unusually well attended. In St. Patrick's cathedral the day was ushered in by the celebration of a Pontificial high mass, in which the Right Rey. Bishop Bayley officiated as celebrant, Rey. Father G. H. Doane as assistant priest, Rey. J. Rolando as deacon, Rey. Father Smith as sub-deacon and Rey. Father Spirit as sub-deacon and Rey. Father Co'Rielly as master of ceremonies. Farmer's grand mass comprised the music. The salos were effectively rendered by Mr. Kronenberg, tenor; Mrs. McGinnis, saprano; Mr. Mullin, basso, and the concerto parts by a well trained volunteer chorus. At this and the subsequent services, which lasted all through the forencon, the attendances were very large. The splendid edifice was simply but very neatly decorated with evergreens. The altur was very handsomely dressed. In beautiful letters across the ante pendium were the words "Venite Adoremus." The tabernacle was adorned with bouncets of choice flowers. Several of the other Catholic churches were also models of beauty in the matter of decoration and richness of services. At the House of Prayer, where ritualism is extensively observed, there was also a midnight service, which was participated in by quite a large congregation. The interior of this edifice has recently undergone a great change. The ceilings and walls are-now radiant in all the glory of polychromatic art. Here, too, was there an abundance of evergreen wreaths and garla

One of the few places where the day was not ap One or the few places where the day was not appropriately observed was the Soldiers' Home. Here the inmates got into a disgraceful row in the afternoon, in the course of which a one-armed poor wretch had his lip nearly bitten off by a savage comrade. The injured was arrested on a charge of drunkenness and a breach of the peace. It is not a little singular that he should be named George Law.

Business was almost entirely suspended yesterday. Services were held in almost all the churches. In the Irish and German Catholic churches the day was ushered in with the celebration of midnight mass, at which immense congregations assisted.
Balls, fairs and feativities characterized the social features of the day. With the exception of a few arrests for drunkenness and some abordive attempts at "creating "musses" nothing transpired to descrate the occasion.

### THE DAY ELSEWHERE.

Christmas Celebration in Washington.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 25, 1868, The celebration of Christmas to-day was unusuall good. Business being generally suspended the pub-lic mind was engrossed by the sole idea of how best to commemorate the birthday of our Savlour. All of the churches in which services were held, and with persons engaged in the usual prayers and cere-monies. The streets presented a lively and ani-mated appearance, being crowded from morning until a late hour at night. This evening a large number of private and public holiday parties appro-priately closed the celebration of a day so fraught with good tidings to humanity and the country, which the Christian world will ever delight to honor.

kept by a German named Herman Bachmann, at No. 109 McKenzie street, located in a part of Clinton Hill known as "Mexico," just outside the ilmits of the city of Newark, in the course of which three Germans and two negroes were badly injured by an in-discriminate use of pistols, knives, clubs and glasses. It appears that a party of colored persons of both sexes had hired the dancing room connected with the saloon for the purpose of having a landango, and were about commencing operations, between thirty and forty of the party having arrived in the barroom, when a Teutonic white man entered and took uni-brage at some remark made by a negro. Brandishing an iron par he began menacing the crowd of darkies, and finally they made an effort to put him out. To prevent this the barkeeper, Wilham Krug, the son-in-iaw of the proprietor, came to his assistance. At this juncture Frederick Reiber, a resident of No. 114, nearly opposite, dropped in and then the melée became general. Here, it would seem, Krug, the barkeeper, turned out the lights and darted up stairs in quest of a revolver, with which he soon returned. Previous, however, the darkies had commenced using similar weapons, in addition to knives, clubs and lager beer glasses, with terrific effect, thearing that her husband was being well nigh killed, Mrs. Retber appeared upon the scene in the midst of the prevailing darkness, and was herself speedily placed hors de combal. Some time during the height of the émeule the propriptor, Mr. Eachmann, came in, and he, too, was quickly hoored by a bullet from one of the revolvers across the forchead, leaving a regular furrow in the flesh. According to the statement of the whites, the negroes, male and female, fought like savages, and after the lights were extinguished were quite active in wounding each other. Had it not need for the putting out of the lights there is nittle doubt that the result would have been even more serious than it really is. Those who are known to have been injured more or less serious y are Mr. Bachmann, Frederick Reiber, stabbed three times in the face and head; William Erdg, severely cut in several places on the hund, apparently with a glass; Charles Hicks, colored, severe would in forcarm from pistol bullet; John Brandt, mulatto, dangerous wound in the left hip, also the result of a pistol shot. Mr. Reiber sustained severe bruises, but nothing that is likely to result seriously. Indeed there is no reason to apprehend aughting serious in any of the cases. The aftray only subsets after the seloning that is likely to result seriously. Indeed there is no reason to apprehend aughting serious in any of the cases. The aftray only subsets after the ing an iron par he began menacing the crowd of darkies, and finally they made an effort to put him he reason to apprehend anything serious in any of the cases. The afray only subsided after the soloon was completely guited. The fluiding them went through the till and carried or its contents, which only amounted to some american dollars. They also stole a shawl belonging to Mis. Heiber, and about 2,000 capits, vested yesterday the place presented every appearance of what had been a furious lattle. The walls and doors were pierced with the less than fifteen of what had been a furious lattle. The walls and doors were pierced with the less than fifteen bolicts, and the chairs, tables and her were transformed into one conglomerate mixture of pragments. Yesterday afternoon detective finest lischer and officers wyman, C. Williams, Jacobi and Turbit effected the arrest of the alleged colored participants in the after areast of the alleged colored participants in the after areast of the alleged colored participants in the after areast of dogset them is the Chy rison to a wait examination on a series of charges preferred by the man Reaber. These are Thomas Jackson, George Jefferson, Jeremah Clover, Martha Murray, Gilver Jackson, John Ditansas, Jane Williams, John Jackson and Henry and Mary Ropers. Part of these were captured in Rolmes alley not the others in a vile place in Commerce street, after considerable trouble. As a matter of course the affair has thrown "Mexico" into a wild state of extitement.

## A REMARKABLE WILL CASE IN VERMONT.

If rom the St. Albans Messenger, Dec. 23.]
In February, 1867, a Mr. Carey married a Miss Tomberson, of Milton, Vt., aged about fifty years and worth about 253,000. A verballangement was made before marriage test Carey should have the use of about half the lady's property. In August, 1868, the lady died, and a will appeared, made two years before the marriage, by which most of her property was given to the American Missionary Schooly and the Congregational Society of Milton. The heirs of the deceased appear as contestants of the will, taking ground that the marriage of Miss Tomberson hyaidated and in effect revoked the will. The case is to be argued in April. Another and a distinct question arises from this singular case—vis., Want are the

### CITY INTELLIGENCE.

THE WEATHER YESTERDAY .- The following record will show the changes in the temperature for the past twenty-four hours, as indicated by the ther-mometer at Hudnut's pharmacy, Herand Building, Broadway, corner of Ann street:—

Average temperature Thursday.

Sudden Dearth.—An inquest was held yesterday by Coroner Flynn at No. 22 Cherry street over the remains of Mrs. Johanna Holland, aged forty, who was found dead in her bed yesterday morning. The post-mortem examination by Dr. Knox showed that death had been caused by heart disease.

FATAL ACCIDENT.—Charles Conner, the cartman who was buried beneath an embankment on Thurs-

who was buried beneath an emonatument on Thursday at No. 16 Walker street, as already reported in the HERALD, died yesterday at the New York Hospital from the effects of the injuries so received. The body was allowed to be removed to the late residence of the deceased, at No. 137 Mott street, where Coroner Flynn will hold an inquest to-day. DEATH FROM CROTON OIL.—Coroner Flynn held an inquest yesterday at No. 5 Minetta lane over the body of Mary Ellen Higgs, aged six weeks, who died from the effects of croton oil given her by her grand-mother, Mrs, Mary Barmore, in mistake for sweet oil, as directed by the attending physician. The jury rendered a verdict in accordance with the fact and exonerated the grandmother from all wilful in-

PICKPOCKET ARBESTED .- Officer Delaney, of the Third precinct, arrested Patrick Clancey yesterday on a charge of having stolen a silver watch from the on a charge of naving stolen a sliver watch from the vest pocket of Robert Flynn, a resident of Orange county, as the latter was asleep in a Jersey City ferry boat. One of the other passengers saw the theft committed and the watch passed by Clancey to a confederate, who escaped. When arraigned before Alderman Coman, at the Tombs Court, Clancey was held for trial at the Special Sessions.

ACCIDENTAL DEATH.—About eight o'clock last

ede, known as "Andrew," and a tallor on, was found dead in the hallway of No. night a 19 Ann street. Deceased was employed on the pre-mises, and had been drinking early in the evening. Some time before he was found he procured a can Some time before he was found he procured a can and started out for some beer, and upon search being instituted, owing to his long absence, he was found as stated. Considerable blood had oozed from his ears, and the physician was of the opinion that his skull was fractured or his neck broken. Officer cashman sent for assistance, and the body was conveyed to the Second precinct station house, and the Coroner notified. Deceased was about fifty years of age, and it is believed that he fell down stairs, with the result above described.

### ANOTHER CREAT BURGLARY.

A Safe Blown Open and Ten Thousand Dol-

iars in Jewelry Stolen.

Another of those daring and successful burglaries which of late have been so frequent in this city, where the burgiars have apparently taken the greatest risks and have escaped with their spoils entirely undetected, was discovered Thursday night in the Fifteenth ward. At an early hour of the evening a gang of burglars

forced an entrance into the basement of the building No. 646 Broadway, occupied, together with the first or street floor, by J. Edward Bylandt, auction and commission merchant. Once within the build-ing the burgiars had an unobstructed range of the asement and first floor, but found nothing to reward them for their enterprise, as all the articles were too bulky to be safely removed. They had then proceeded to the office occupying the rear por tion of the first floor and inspected the huge safe, containing diamond jewelry valued at \$10,000, and which fact was doubtless known to them, and these diamonds, gittering through iron plates and brick walls, had tempted them to their hazardous enterprise. At any rate they went provided with the Christmas in Philadelphia.

Philadel means of working their way into the safe, and they wedges and saws, which they had not tarried to wedges and saws, which they had not tarried to pick up when the coveted jewelry was once within their clutches. It was thus appar-ent that between ten and eleven o'clock in the evening these daring marauders had entered a store on the most public thoroughfare of the city, blown open a safe and made their escape with all their valuable booty. How valuable this was and how greatly these burg ars must have re-joiced in their good for the can be judged from the following last of articles stolen:—one clampond neckjoiced in their good for time can be judged from the following list of articles stolen:—One diamond necklace, one diamond bracelet with a watch enclosed, one opal diamond set of pin and entrings, one enamelled diamond set, five gold watches and chains, one emerald and cluster diamond ring, one opal and diamond ring, five cluster diamond pins, two fine stone diamond rings and three solitaire diamond rings. A full description of all these articles has been left at the detective police office and most strenuous efforts will be made to recover the property, and as a correlative to capture the burgiars who thus flouted their crime in the very eyes of the guardians of the city's peace and treasures.

THE TWENTY-THIRD STREET STACE ROSBERY. George Williams, Known in some places by this name, but in many more by the elegant title of "Sweet-scented Flowers," who was arrested on Thursday night, at the corner of Bond street and Broadway, at the instance of Dr. John H. Bouglas, of No. 12 Clinton place, who lost his watch, valued at \$350, in a Twenty-third street stage, as already reported in the HEBALD, was arraigned before Justice Dodge, at the Jefferson Market Police Court, yesterday morning. Dr. Douglas narrated the circumstances of this adroit robbery, stating that on the night in question he jumped into a stage on Ninth avenue, between ten and eleven o'clock, and sat on the right side, in such a position that no one could occupy a place at his left hand; that his valuable timepiece was then in his right hand vest pocket; that after proceeding down the avenue several blocks three or four men entered, among whom was Williams, and soon as an opportunity presented he took a scat on the com-plainant's right side; he sat very close to him, and at times reread and leased over him in a manner very suspicious, chalcavoring, as it were, to look out of the window. Puring this little byday Williams made a motion towards the Doctor's vest, when he or the window. Furning this little bypingy Williams and a motion towards the Doctor's vest, when he distinctly felt a pressure, and immediately afterwards Williams arose to get out of the stage, standing for a moment, however, talking with one of his friends. At this instant Dr. Houghas missed his waten and chain, when he rather abruptly elected this progress of "Flowers" and necased him of compt the third. By this time Fourth street had been reached and Williams' friends alighted, going towards the Bowery, and at though street he lent, followed by complatinant, who at once had him arrested by officer heamey, of the Priceeth precinct, and conveyed to the station house. These particulars, given clearly and concisely by the complainant, created such an impression upon all the court officials that more than one who deal only in police vernacular was heard to exclaim, "Well, they have get one of the boys dead to rights' at last," and ready the circumstances attending this bold robbery appear incontrovertible. "Flowers," in his informal examination upon the Charge, said he was thirty-eight years of are, born in Cortand, N. Y., was a clerk and not guity. He was committed to answer without ball.

One of the members of the numerous Smith family. known as Thomas, was caught in an unpleasant position on Christmas eve by officer Gibson, of the Ninth prectuct, who found him at an untimely hous of the night in the store of William A. Seaman, No. 561 Hadson street, which he had forcibly entered without authority. The circumstances attending the burglary are few, inasmuch as the officer hearing has onter front door of this place broken open, at once repaired to the spot, observing a contederate of smith's on the stdewnik keeping guard, while he sacked the store. The former individual at once, when surprised, took to his heels and escaped, but Thomas was found losses taken a general observation of natiers, with properly in this posses too, and, although valued as day once to the states with the possession of the states of the states are the states. the burglary are few, inasmuch as the officer hear-

house and yesterday arraigned before Justice Dodge, at the Jefferson Market Police Court, to answer the charge of burgiary. The property found in his possession when arrested was recognized by Mr. Seaman. Thomas, who certainly does not possess a very attractive physiognomy, in his answer to the charge, said that he was twenty-one years of age, bo n in this city, a laborer and had nothing to say. He was committed to answer in default of \$5,000 bail.

### SHOOTING AFFRAY.

On Thursday night officer John Maloy, of the Seventeenth precinct, when at the corner of Four-teenth street and Second avenue, was called by the conductor of a Grand and Forty-second street car to suppress a disturbance on the front platform of the car, caused by the conduct of a party of four rowdies, one of whom proved to be one James Clark, a somewhat noted character. The gang resisted the he attempted to remove them from the platform, one of them fired a pistol shot, which struck the officer of them fired a pistol shot, which struck the officer in the cheek, passing out of his mouth, making a severe but not dangerous wound. Other shots were rapidly fired by the gang, but all, fortunately, proved harmless. The ruffians then fied, and all, for the time, escaped arrest; but, as Clark is well known, it is thought that all of them will be apprehended. Clark, so far as is known, did not participate in the shooting, and his name occurs only because he was the only one of the party identified. The wounded policeman was removed to Believue Hospital by several officers, who were attracted to the spot by the reports of the pistols.

### STAEBING AFFRAY.

At an early hour yesterday morning Hugh Campbell, the bartender at the Magnolia Hotel, No. 206 Chambers street, became engaged in a difficulty with David Quinn and attempted to eject him from the saloon. A souffic ensued between the two men, in the course of which, it is alleged, Quinn used a knife, stabbing Campbell in the left side, inflictifur a very serious wound. The injured man was removed to the New York Hospital, and Quinn, having been ar-rested by officer Thornton, of the Third precinct, is detained to await the result of Campbell's injuries, the latter being yesterday in a very dangerous con-dition.

### ENGRMOUS PROPERTY FRAUDS IN CHICAGO.

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[From the Chicago Post, Dec. 23.]

We understand that the proper authorities of the city are engaged in examining into certain frandulent transactions connected with the real estate of Chicago and that progress enough has been made in the inquiry to justify the belief that property to the amount of fully \$2,000,000 has, by parties yet unknown, been stolen by means of frandulent tax titles and forged deeds, for the benefit of whomsobver may have been concerned. We are not yet in possession of all the facts, but it appears from what we have learned that many cases of robbery invoiving large tracts of property inside the city limits have been suspected, and that among these are the following, as samples of more:

Eighty acres of land, the property of the city, near Brightton. This is covered by a forged or fraudulent deed to one David Stark, who is believed to be a myth. We are without the date of the alleged transfer, but the transaction is a recent one. David Stark appears to be a carsiess owner. Once in possession of his property he neglected to pay taxes. As a consequence the land has been sold again and again for these dues and is now covered by tax titles the worth of which, though they stand in various names, somebody doubtless knows. The last transfer appears to be by one Walter S. Frazier, once in the employment of the city, to Isaac Cook, the consideration being one dollar. How Mr. Frazier came by the right to make a deed will be a proper subject for inquiry. In relation to this tract the object of the conspirators seems to have been plain, viz.—to get the property by means of a forged deed from the city out of the city's possession and then to allow title to be forfeited by frequent tax sales and the right of possession. Of course all these will be vitiated by the primary fraud; but somebody has been or somebody might be victimized, nevertheless.

In the North division, between Clark and Lasalle streets, is a large tract of cit

Rosert Lincoln, son of the late President, are likely to be sufferers by the frand, they having in good faith purchased lots in the tract in question. The value of the property is very great.

A large piece of land in the adjoining town of Pales has also been run away with. A deed of this was made to the city by a distinguished citizen, now dead—W. H. Isrown. But this deed, though deposited in the archives by Mr. Brown never was recorded. It was abstracted by some one having access to the city papers. And then certain parties, as yet nameless, went to work to get a quit claim from the owner who deeded it to Brown, and, after this was accomplished, the machinery of tax sales and tax bills was resorted to and with the usual success.

These are specimen bricks, but how many more there may be in the pile we have not learned. It is evident on the face of these transactions that some man who was familiar with the city business, who had an intimate knowledge of its real property and who had access to the papers has had a share, if not the sole agency in these frands. At the time they were committed the value of the lots and lands stolen was not large, but the advance of property in the last few years has been so great that the supposed present worth of the ground in dispute cannot be less than \$2,000,000.

## GENERAL GRANT AND PLUNDER SCHEMES.

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(From the Cincinnati Gazette (radical), Dec. 24.)
Grant, during his late trip from Chicago to this city, remarked to a gentleman in company that he feared the "carpet-baggers" would swamp the government before he could take possession of the White House. By carpet-baggers he meant the large congregation of individuals now at Washington with their pockets full of schemes, the object of which is to depiete the Treasury. General Grant spoke very freely on this subject. He did not hesitate to denounce the business as pupite robbers will am not in favor, sir," said Grant, "of directly or indirectly increasing the public debt while there is a party in the country that talks about repudiation. Furthermore, it is absolutely necessary that we should have the strictest honesty in the collection of the revenue and the strictest economy in all expenditures." This is Grant's platform. He makes no secret of it. The plunderers know it. They have been to see the President elect. Pending the session of Congress they asked him, with reference to some of their gigantic rallroad schemes, if he could not favor them to remain neutral. In reply he said he would use his influence to defeat all plunder schemes. He will keep his promise. He will, furthermore, mark the plunderers, whether in the lobby or in congress. Now if the public desire some particulars of the schemes General Grant referred to, or desire to get a glimpse of the plans cut out for the winter by the Congressional looby, we refer them to the Washington letter printed in this paper. In all these somenes Congressional act out for the winter by the Congressional soobs, we refer them to the Washington letter printed in this paper. In all these somenes Congressional should be some moratic side. In plunder schemes political lines are not drawn. The corruptionists hunt in couples. Let us, if possible, bring a public sentiment to bear that will keep hands out of the Treasury until Grant gets into power. Then the Treasury will be safe.

## NEGRO LAWLESSNESS IN GEORGIA.

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(From the Savannah Republican, Dec. 22.)

On Friday last Charles E. Ross and Archibald Grifin appeared before Justice P. M. Russell, Jr., and made anidavit in substance that their lives are continually threatened by an armed organized body of lawless negroes on Skidaway Island, and that they are denied, under penalty of death, the right to lish or oyster in the Thunderbolt river, and that on the loth inst., when they were on their way to Little Tybee creek, fourteen miles below Thomderbolt, and to reach which point they were necessarily compelled to pass Skidaway Island, and when immediately opposite to the Confederate batteries, a heavy and sharp fire was opened upon them by a very large body of negroes, and that they are thus prevented from pursuing their vocation of fishermen and oystermen. This affidavit, we understand, was handed to Sheriff Dooner on Saturday last.

On yesterday morning two colored men, named Harvey Miller and Benjamin Rivers, appeared before the same justice and made oath that on the 17th inst., when opposite Tarner's Rock, on their way to Lattle Tybee creek, they were fired upon by an armed body of negroes. The snot fell around them thek and fast. The negroes ordered them to stop, when their boat was boarded by four armed negroes, who compelled them to go ashore with them, where they saw about twenty negroes armed with muskets, rites, &c. After making numerous inquiries in reference to the late arrests on Whitemarsh Island they were released and allowed to proceed to Little Tybee creek. The Justice lasted no warrants, because the affiants could not give the names of the parties, but the affidavit was handed to Sneriff Dooner.

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### EGYPT.

A Brilliant Egyptian Fete—Presence of Dis-tinguished Guests—The Elite of Egyptian Society—Investment of the Viceroy With the Insignia of the Star of India by Lord Napier of Magdala.

Egypt has recently been the scene of a series of brilliant fetes. On the 19th inst. a State ball was given at the Palace of Ras-el-Tin in Alexandria. The invitations were issued in the name of "the General, first aid-de-camp of his Highness the Kedewe" (as the Pacha is now called), and were distributed with more sparing hand than has heretofore been usual on similar occasions; hence the eagerness to be possessed of the precious pasteboard was most intense. Extraordinary precautions were taken to prevent any personal transfer of invitations; indeed those who were unable to attend the ball were requested to return their tickets beforehand to prevent their possibility falling into improper hands. All the American travellers in Egypt were furnished with invitations, at the request of Mr. Hale, the American Consul General.

His Highness honored the ball with his personal resence for the first time since the year 1864. Some excitement was caused by a sudden postponement of the evening from the 16th (that first appointed) to the 19th, on account of his indisposition; but he re-covered his health perfectly so as to be able to be

present the whole of a very prolonged evening.

The palace of Ras-el-Tin stands on a promontory, at the entrance of Alexan dria harbor. On arriving at

the palace gates the gues is passed through a long corridor embellished with military trophies, and through ante-rooms cooled by iluminated fountains; thence they ascended the grand statrease, kept by a guard of honor of soldiers, and entered a saioon where the Kedewe (or Viceroy, as it is more convenient to call him) was standing with nis son, the hereditary Prince, and Chérif Pacha, his most trusted minister. The lades were introduced by ushers (young gentlemen selected from the either of Expytian society) who pronounced their names to his Highness. He bowed as each lady made her reverence. The gentlemen entered alone and bowed. The Consuls General, as they entered, were invited to remain in this room with the Viceroy. The other guests proceeded directly to other apartments.

I may mention that the principal ornament of this reception room was a beautiful table presented to Menemet All the grandfather of the Viceroy) by the Pope of Rome. On the edge is an inscription in Arabic, which was originally encrusted with diamonds, but the diamonds were pulled off by Abbas Pachs in some exigency of the Eigpptian treasury.

When the guests (of whom the number was seven or eight hundred, almost one-quarter boing ladies) had mostly arrived the Viceroy left the reception room and made the tour of all the apartments, frequently stopping to address a few words to some favored guest. His affable demeanor and evident good humor produced a most favorable impression. Meanwhile the dancing was proceeding most vigorously in a spiendid saloon of circular form and great size, surrounded by a corridor which afforded a convenient place for whisperings of soft nothings to those who had become fatigued with the dance. It was mentioned afterwards that behind a screen which separated apart of this exclusiveness, and entering the general supper room he took his place at one of the tables arranged for the guests, at the same time summoning to the table a very beautiful lady, as well as her husband and the general supper was prepared to the

consular body other than the British were present, this being the usage on such occasions, Arrived at the Abassich, Lord Napier's military secretary read the letter of the Queen accrediting his lordship to make the investiture, and Lord Napier read the statute itself conferring the dignity. The Viceroy made a verbal reply. Lord Napier passed the ribbon over the neck of his highness and placed in his hand the star. The ceremony was passed the ribbon over the neck of his Highness and placed in his hand the star. The ceremony was brief, but was followed by an excellent luncheon to which all present were invited. There was also a review of troops, in which I understand the excellent appearance of the Viceroy's soldiers was much commended by the British military gentlemen.

The same evening Colonel Stanton, the British Consul General, gave a dinner at his house in Cairo, at which were present the hereditary Prince of Egypt and the principal Ministers, as well as Lord Napier and his staff. Friendly toasts were interchanged. The dinner was followed by a ball, attended by about 100 persons, chiefly of the English community in Egypt, and thus the fête was most brilliantly brought to a close.

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The next day Lord Mayo, the new Governor General of India, arrived at Alexandria on his way to his post, but his scheme of travel appeared to have no connection with that of Lord Napier, who, it is said, will visit the works of the Suez Canai before leaving Egypt.

## INDIA.

Railroad Enterprises in Central India.

The report of the directors of the Bombay, Barada and Central India Railroad states that the total amount received on consolidated stock, shares and debentures to the 30th of June last was £7,442,713, of which £101,914 was received in the half year. The total expenditure to the same period in England and India amounted to £7,264,706. The gross revenue receipts for the half year earned over the same mileage as in the corresponding period of 1807 amounted to £252,656, so compared with £254,506, and showed a decrease of £12,610, of which £3,102 arose under the head of passengers, parcels, &c., and £9,453 under that of merchandise, live stock and miscellaneous receipts. With regard to the passengers, there was an increase in the numbers carried of the first and second class of 662 and 6,194 respectively, but, owing parily to the reduction in the fares, the first class receipts showed a decrease of £298 and the second class an increase of only £597. The average intege distance travelled by first class passengers showed a decrease from 72.74 in 1867 to \$4.50 in 1868, which of course was also an element in the monay decrease. The falling off in the third class passengers, both in numbers and receipts, was no doubt altributable to the general depression and mactivity following upon the extraordinary inflation and coilage of commercial speculation in Bombay in the last two or three years. This traffic per mile of railway compared favorably, however, with that on the other indian lines, and the existing fare of one-half pence per mile practically secured the traffic of the districts served by this line. In the merchandise traille the falling off arose principally in cotton and grain. The half-year's receipts, though notually less th amount, had increased per train mile from 16s, 3-17d, to 10s, 9-39d, in consequence of the reduction with was effected in the train mileage to the extent of 60,102 miles. The gross expenses amounted to £163,217, which was a reduction of Railroad Enterprises in Contral India. reduction win. In was enected in the train inheage to the extent of 50,102 miles. The gross expenses amounted to £153,217, which was a reduction of \$3,271 on those of the corresponding period. The net revenue amounted to £93,833 10a, 10d., which compared with £198,178 8a, 4d. in the corresponding period of 1857. But from this was deducted the £27,500 as a special reserve for lencing.

# THE HOUSAG TUNNEL CONTRACT.

The Work to Be Completed in Five Years.

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Ross and Griffin testify that the armed bodies of negroes on Skidaway Island have declared their purpose to be to kill and murder every white man who shall attempt to pursue his vocation of fishing and oystering in the waters below Thunderbols, and it would appear from the affidavit of Milier and Rivers, the colored men, that they were fred upon and arrested for the purpose of ascertaining whether or not they were implicated in any way in procuring the late arrests near Turner's flock.

These affidavits show that there are organized and armed bodies of negroes located on the river begow Tuunderbolt, whose object is to result the laws and to prevent all white men, and such colored men, from pursuing the occupation of sishing and oystering in those waters. Now that this fact is established be ond a reasonable doubt, it certainly is the duty of the criff authorities to adopt prempt and endered measures to heat the nuisance.